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1. Until 1945 the total irrigated area in Bulgaria was 30,000 hectares. The amount being irrigated at present is 130,000 hectares. Along with construction of the dams on the Danube, which are supposed to be completed in 1955, work is proceeding on the project to irrigate the valley of the Danube. The irrigation project is to be completed in 1952. The Soviet Union has sent the electric equipment which will be used to power the pumping stations.
2. The first part of the irrigation project was completed in 1950, and the valley of the Belene River, between Nikopol and Svishtov, is under irrigation. About the end of May 1951 a second irrigation system was put in operation northeast of Ruse in the lower valley of the Brushlyanska River. The area of the two valleys now under irrigation is 30,000 hectares.
3. The state paid 2,250,000,000 leva for the irrigation systems, and the expenditure will reportedly result in an increased annual income of 2,850,000,000 leva for the peasants of the area. The peasants of all valleys south of the Danube will have an increased annual income of 16,500,000,000 leva.
4. Dimitrovgrad has 26,000 to 28,000 inhabitants. [The following factories and coal mines are in the Dimitrovgrad area:
 - a. The Vulcan cement factory, which employs 800 to 1000 workers. The factory is worked in four six-hour shifts. The wages vary between 280 and 360 leva per day. The factory produces 800 tons of cement each day.]
 - b. A porcelain factory, which employs about 500 workers.
 - c. Mariyno electric power station, which employs about 300 or 400 workers. This plant supplies Momchilgrad, Krakraevgrad, Kurdzhali, and Zlatograd with electricity.
 - d. The Vulcan coal mine, which employs about 800 workers. [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] The manager of the factory is Angel Pilchev, from [redacted] 50X1
Khasovo. The wage of the workers is 420 to 650 leva each day.

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- e. [Mariyno coal mine, which employs between 300 to 400 workers.]
 - f. [Novi Rudnitsi coal mine, three kilometers east of Mariyno, which employs 200 to 300 workers.]
 - g. Nadezhda coal mine, which employs 300 workers.
 - h. Merichleri coal mine, which employs 400 workers.
5. By December 1951 a nitrate factory for the production of fertilizer was to be completed east of the Rakovski settlement in the Dimitrovgrad area. The factory will produce 80,000 tons of fertilizer.

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